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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED SHOE CONSTRUCTION

Priority Application

map [0001] This application is a Continuation in Part patent application of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/626,139 for a "Method and Apparatus for Improved Shoe Construction" filed July ²⁴ 3, 2003, ~~was~~ *Patent currently Pending.*

Field Of The Invention

[0002] The invention relates to a shoe having improved construction.

Background Of The Invention

[0003] A variety of different shoe constructions are used by the footwear industry. For the most part, each shoe construction has characteristics that make it particularly well-suited for specific applications. For example, some shoe constructions are selected for their durability, others for their flexibility and comfort, while still others are selected for their aesthetic appeal.

[0004] In general, shoe construction typically involves a number of manufacturing operations or steps. Normally, a significant number of manufacturing operations generally results in a more expensive shoe. In a market where competitive price is often desired, there appears to be a need to make shoes in an efficient manner. Conventionally, a shoe construction may involve an upper being stitched to a forepart of an outsole by a hand stitch and the rearpart of the outsole may be attached to the upper by adhesive after a lasting operation. Lasting is typically where a last, an object which simulates a